(b) The concerned State Governments have been advised to focus *inter alia* on development of disaster mitigation, preparedness and response plans at State, district, block, village, ward and urban local bodies level. The State nodal agencies have been provided with necessary guidelines as well as appropriate human resource support by UNDP to facilitate implementation of the programme. The progress of implementation of the programme is reviewed/monitored periodically in the Ministry and the respective State Governments.

Increase in terrorism activities in J&K

1610. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that terrorist activities in Jammu and Kashmir and other States have increased during last few months;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is also a fact that terrorists have become emboldened to target the security forces;

(d) whether Government have identified the Groups responsible for the same; and

(e) if so, the steps taken to liquidate them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) No, Sir. There has not been any increase in the terrorist violence in J and K during last three months (Sept.-Nov., 2003) as compared to preceding months (Jun.-Aug., 2003) as is clear'from the below mentioned figures received from the State Government:

Period	Terrorist Incidents	Civilians Killed	SFs Killed
Jun.-Aug., 03	984	219*	102
Sept.-Nov, 03	912	207*	95

*(including members of Village Defence Committees and Special Police Officers)

(b) Question does not arise.

(c) There are no such indications to suggest that terrorists have become particularly emboldened to target the security forces during the last few months. As per the report of State Government of J and K, during calendar year 2003 (till end of November) terrorists resorted to 10 suicidal intrusion attempts against security forces. However, in such attempts the security forces were able to eliminate all the intruding terrorists in response to such attacks.

(d) As per the available reports, the main terrorist organizations, involved under various pseudonyms in J and K terrorism are:

(i) Lashker-e-Toiba

(ii) Jaish-e-Mohammad

(iii) Hizbul Mujahideen

(iv) Harkat-e-Jehad Islami

(v) Al-Umar Mujahideen

(e) The Government, jointly with the State Government, has adopted a multi-pronged approach, to contain cross border terrorism perpetrated by the pro Pak terrorist outfits/Pak ISI in Jammu and Kashmir, which includes, *inter-alia,* strengthening border management and multi-tiered and multi-model deployment along with International Border/LoC and near the ever changing infiltration routes to check infiltration, as well as continued pro-active action against terrorists with J and K, including operations in remote, hilly and forested pockets; protective measures for remote, scattered and minority populations, public buildings, religions shrines and vital installations; gearing up intelligency machinery; greater functional integration through an institutional framework of Operation Groups and Intelligence Groups of the UHQ at various levels, improved technology, weapons and equipment for security forces, and action as per law against over-ground supporters of the terrorists.

The strategies, tactics and dynamic security forces deployment to counter the terrorists are constantly, reviewed refined and monitored at various levels in the State Government (including in the 2 Unified Headquarters headed by the Chief Minister of J and K) and in the Central Government.

Vigorous and consistent operations by Security Forces have resulted into killing of 1394 terrorists including 147 foreign mercenaries during current calendar year till Nov. 2003. Similarly, security forces foiled 50 infiltration bids during this period in which 172 terrorists were killed near LoC/IB as a part of strategy to curb the infiltration from across the border.

Measures to check cyber crimes

1611. SHRISATISH PRADHAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government are seriously considering to contain cyber attacks, hacking and many other computer based crimes while taking the help of other countries;

(b) if so, the details thereof alongwith steps taken or proposed to be taken against cyber crime in the country;

(c) whether Union Government are also considering to train the CBI personnel and policemen in the country with the help of FBI like security agencies; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) and (b) In order to tackle cyber crimes and specifically the cases of hacking, a new unit has been established by Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in the year 2000. In view of geographical ramification of these crimes constant efforts are made for international cooperation. The Economic Offence Wings of CBI is also geared up for dealing with the cases of cyber frauds. CBI has registered two cases on the basis of information received from Federal Bureau of Investigation. CBI is also receiving requests from other countries through Interpol for assistance in their cases having any linkage in India. Cyber Crimes Investigation Cell of CBI is an International nodal point for reporting cyber crimes in India. G-8 countries, after September 11 attacks have formed 24/7 contact points in various countries to fight cyber terrorism and has nominated CBI as contact point in India for speedy transmission of Information. On behalf of India Cyber Crime Investigation Cell, CBI is also a member of 'Cyber Crime Technology Information Network' project of National Police Agency, Japan.This group consists of 10 Asian countries.